

MIDDLE GRADES ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION CERTIFICATE Grades 5 - 8

The Middle Grades English as a Second Language Education Certificate is valid for assignment as a Middle Grades English as a Second Language teacher in grades 5 - 8 in Rhode Island public schools.

Educators can attain Middle Grades certification in the following ways:

Option 1: Add to any Middle Grades Content Area Certificate (Stand Alone)

Option 2: Add to any Middle Grades Elementary Extension Teacher Certificate

Option 3: Add to any Middle Grades Secondary Extension Education Certificate

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification

Requirements for Option 1: Add to any Middle Grades Content Area Certificate (Stand Alone):

To be issued a certificate in Middle Grades English as a Second Language Education an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of Middle Grades English as a Second Language Education Teacher AND completion of a minimum of 45 hours of Practicum
- Hold any Middle Grades Content Area Certificate (Stand Alone) and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Requirements for Option 2: Add to any Elementary Extension Teacher Certificate:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Complete an approved program in this certificate area AND complete a minimum of 45 hours Practicum in this certificate area
- Hold any Middle Grades Content Area Elementary Extension Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages(TESOL)

Requirements for Option 3: Add to any Secondary Extension Teacher Certificate:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Complete an approved program in this certificate area AND complete a minimum of 45 hours Practicum in this certificate area
- Hold any Middle Grades Content Area Secondary Extension Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages(TESOL)

Assessment Requirements

Go to www.ets.org for test registration, dates and locations

All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island Assessment Requirements:

Requirements for Option 1: Add to any Middle Grades Content Area Certificate (Stand Alone):

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 146 on the Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages (0361/5361).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

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Requirements for Option 2: Add to any Elementary Extension Teacher Certificate:

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 146 on the Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages (0361/5361).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Requirements for Option 3: Add to any Secondary Extension Teacher Certificate:

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 146 on the Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages (0361/5361).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Current Routes to Certification

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- Reciprocity
- Transcript Analysis

Reciprocity Requirements

Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island. Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.

Transcript Analysis Requirements

Applicants who have not completed an approved program or do not meet reciprocity requirements can be certified by Transcript Analysis until December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015 a Credential Review process will replace transcript analysis in areas for which there are no Rhode Island approved preparation programs.

- Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of the following:
 - Not less than 18 semester hours of coursework to include work in each of the following areas:
 - Introduction to English Linguistics
 - Curriculum and Methods for ESL Programs
 - Second Language Assessment and Evaluation
 - Socio-Cultural Foundations of ESL Education
 - Second Language Literacy for LEP Learners
 - Theories of First and Second Language Acquisition
 - Hold a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
 - Hold any Middle Grades Content Area Certificate (Stand Alone, Elementary Extension or Secondary Extension)
 - Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing assessments.
 - Meet all Rhode Island assessment requirement(s) for this certificate area